



Silent Killer Shows the Curse of Hunger – and a Possible Cure

There are still a billion hungry people in the world. 15,000 children – the equivalent of five times the victims of the World Trade Center bombings – die of hunger every day. Yet it doesn't have to be this way. We can end hunger if we make a commitment to doing so. **Silent Killer**, a one-hour documentary special made for Public Television, shows how it can be done.

The film begins in the Kalahari Desert, where the Hoodia, a plant with appetite suppressant qualities, is used by native peoples to fend off hunger – and has become an ingredient in diet pills for the overweight in rich nations. The Hoodia is thus a symbol of the problem of hunger and food distribution in the world. The film then shows us various places where scientists and workers are trying to solve the problem of hunger in a world that remains largely indifferent. In Brazil, however, a new national campaign called Fome Zero (Zero Hunger) is energizing the country.

Silent Killer is the final film in **Building the Blessed Community**, a series of films relevant to the Millennium Development Goals. It will be shown at **7:30 pm Friday, March 20 at All Saints**. Admission is free.